

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for accessing and updating information stored in a central location by a remote worker, said system comprising:
 - a central store for storing said information; and
 - a mobile telephone for use by said remote worker to interrogate and update said store and in which said mobile telephone includes a Text To Speech (TTS) system for enabling said information to be output-received aurally.
2. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 1, in which said mobile telephone includes an automatic speech recognition (ASR) system for enabling said remote worker to interrogate said store aurally.orally.
3. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in ~~claim 1\,claim 1~~, in which said information is subject to data encryption.
4. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 1, in which said information concerns medical information and said remote worker is a medical practitioner.
5. (Currently Amended) A method of accessing and updating information stored in a central store in a central location by a remote worker using a mobile telephone; said method comprisescomprising:
 - interrogating said central store using said mobile telephone;
 - receiving said information by-aurally by way of a Text To Speech (TTS) system, which is part of said mobile telephone; and
 - updating said information stored in said central store using said mobile telephone.
6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 5, in which said mobile telephone includes an automatic speech recognition (ASR) system for enabling said remote worker to interrogate said store aurally.orally.

8. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 5, further comprising encrypting said information before accessing and updating.

9. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 5, in which said information concerns medical information and said remote worker is a medical practitioner.

10-19. (Canceled)

20. (New) A system for accessing and updating medical information stored in a central location by a remote worker, who is a medical worker on a house call, said system comprising:

a central store for storing said medical information; and

a mobile telephone for use by said medical worker to interrogate and update said store and in which said mobile telephone includes a Text to Speech (TTS) system for enabling said medical information to be received aurally.

21. (New) A system as claimed in claim 20, in which said medical worker is a doctor or a health visitor on a house call to a patient.

22. (New) A system for accessing and updating legal information stored in a central location by a remote worker, who is a legal worker, said system comprising:

a central store for storing said legal information; and

a mobile telephone for use by said legal worker to interrogate and update said store and in which said mobile telephone includes a Text to Speech (TTS) system for enabling said legal information to be received aurally.

23. (New) A system as claimed in claim 22, in which said legal worker is a police or parole officer.

24. (New) A system for accessing and updating social-work-related information stored in a central location by a remote worker, who is a social worker on a house call, said system comprising:

a central store for storing said social-work-related information; and
a mobile telephone for use by said social worker to interrogate and update said store and in which said mobile telephone includes a Text to Speech (TTS) system for enabling said social-work-related information to be received aurally.

25. (New) A system as claimed in claim 24, in which said social worker is a probation officer on a house call to one who is on probation.

26. (New) A method of accessing and updating medical information stored in a central store in a central location by a remote worker using a mobile telephone, said remote worker being a medical worker on a house call; said method comprising:

interrogating said central store using said mobile telephone;
receiving said medical information aurally by way of a Text To Speech (TTS) system, which is part of said mobile telephone; and
updating said medical information stored in said central store using said mobile telephone.

27. (New) A method as claimed in claim 26, in which said medical worker is a doctor or a health visitor on a house call to a patient.

28. (New) A method of accessing and updating legal information stored in a central store in a central location by a remote worker using a mobile telephone, said remote worker being a legal worker; said method comprising:

interrogating said central store using said mobile telephone;
receiving said legal information aurally by way of a Text To Speech (TTS) system, which is part of said mobile telephone; and

updating said legal information stored in said central store using said mobile telephone.

29. (New) A method as claimed in claim 28, in which said legal worker is a police or parole officer.

30. (New) A method of accessing and updating social-work-related information stored in a central store in a central location by a remote worker using a mobile telephone, said remote worker being a social worker on a house call; said method comprising:

interrogating said central store using said mobile telephone;

receiving said social-work-related information aurally by way of a Text To Speech (TTS) system, which is part of said mobile telephone; and
updating said social-work-related information stored in said central store using said mobile telephone.

31. (New) A method as claimed in claim 30, in which said social worker is a probation officer on a house call to one who is on probation.

32. (New) A mobile phone for use in the system claimed in claim 1, said mobile telephone comprising an interface for communicating with said central location and a Text To Speech (TTS) system for enabling the information stored in the central store of said central location to be received aurally.

33. (New) A central location for use in the system claimed in claim 1, said central location comprising a central store for storing said information and an interface for communicating with said mobile telephone.

34. (New) A mobile phone for use in the method claimed in claim 5, said mobile telephone comprising an interface for communicating with said central location and a Text To Speech (TTS) system for enabling the information stored in the central store of said central location to be received aurally.

35. (New) A central location for use in the method claimed in claim 5, said central location comprising a central store for storing said information and an interface for communicating with said mobile telephone.